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SUBJECT: KAUNDA, SAVIMBI COMMENT ON SUGGESTION THAT ANGOLA BE
PARTITIONED

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1. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTTEL, I ASKED
PRESIDENT KAUNDA HOW HE REGARDED THE PARTITION OPTION FOR
ANGOLA BEING FLOATED BY SOME THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES (E.G.,
GUYANA), NOTING IT BASED ON SWEEPING EXTENT OF FNLA LOSSES
IN NORTH AND BELIEF BY SUPPORTERS OF CONCEPT THAT MPLA'S
NETO AND UNITA'S SAVIMBI COULD FORM SEPARATE STATES WITH
BETTER CHANCE OVER LONG HAUL OF CONFEDERATION OR COALITION
IN ABSENCE OF ROBERTO. KAUNDA (WHO HAS ALREADY PUBLICLY
EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO CONCEPT OF PARTITIONING ANGOLA)
REFLECTED SILENTLY ON THIS FOR SEVERAL MINUTES, THEN SAID
ZAMBIA WOULD NEVER BE A PARTY TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH SAVIMBI FOLLOWING DAY, I FOUND HIM
ALSO DISDAINFUL OF IDEA OF PARTITION, ADDING THAT HE DOUBTED
VERY MUCH NETO WOULD AGREE TO IDEA EITHER.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH REPEAT OTHER AF POSTS AND EMBASSY GEORGE-
TOWN AS APPROPRIATE.
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